

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with an RCE. In order to make the differences between the claimed inventions and the cited references more clear, we have further amended claim 1 and added new claims 8 and 9. In addition to the remarks previously presented, please also consider the following remarks.

The liquid crystal display element defined by amended claim 1 includes *first and second* transparent substrates, *first and second* polarization plates, *first and second* phase difference plates, and a selectively reflective layer.

The claim 8 liquid crystal display element includes a polarization plate, a phase difference plate, a first selectively reflective layer having negative refractive index anisotropy, and a second reflective layer having positive refractive index anisotropy.

The claim 9 liquid crystal display element includes *first and second* transparent substrates, *first and second* polarization plates, *first and second* phase difference plates, and *first and second* selectively reflective layers.

These claimed combinations are not specifically taught or even suggested by the cited references.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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